

REMARKS

Claim 21 has been amended herein in order to provide that each and every step of this method is performed by the recited coordinator. Prior to amendment herein, for example, the first purchase order was recited as being transmitted by a buyer rather than being received by the coordinator. The present amendments clarify claim 21 and are therefore believed to be appropriate for entry.

No new matter has been added to this application by the foregoing amendments, with support being found in the specification, claims and figures as filed. In view of this, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Supplemental Amendment and consideration of the present application as amended herein.

With respect to the pending rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,233,566 to Levine et al., the arguments for the patentability of this claim submitted with the Applicant's Amendment dated October 10, 2007 apply equally to claim 21 as amended herein. The method of claim 21, as currently amended, involves a coordinator for receiving a first purchase order from a buyer, transmitting a second purchase order to a seller based on the first purchase order, receiving an invoice from the seller based on the second purchase order, and assuming title in the invoice. The Levine reference does not disclose such a coordinator or suggest the advantages that a coordinator can provide in facilitating transactions, in particular international transactions.

The Applicant respectfully reiterates that the recitation of six columns of text of the Levine patent in the Office Action dated April 10, 2007 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.104. Therefore, in the event that the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is not withdrawn, the Applicant respectfully requests that the specific passages of the Levine patent which are relied on by the Examiner, as well as their relevance to claim 21, be recited with more specificity.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this communication. However, if any fees are found to be due, please charge such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

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